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## Must Live on Homestead

The decision rendered by Register Arnold is in the case of A. B. Safford vs Alex Silva. Mr. Silva a year ago filed upon one quarter of section 26, township 3 north, range 2 west. Safford claimed that Silva had not made his residence upon that homestead claim, though he had built a small house and fenced part of the land. His home was at his ranch near Glendale, which is one of the well improved ranches of the Salt River valley. Though he has even had his family at the homestead several times, Safford claimed that Silva had no right to the land, since, in reality, it was not his home.

Register Arnold held Safford to be right. His decision is also against the theory that the government does not demand actual residence upon a homestead, if irrigating water cannot be secured, the land should not be homesteaded. It is still desert land, which no one can desire for a farm. A stop is therefore put to the entrance of lands which may some day be under irrigation, merely as a speculative venture.

The decision means a great deal to scores of homesteaders about the territory. Hundreds of homesteads have been held in the hope that some day canals will be dug and water to irrigate them may be purchased.—Phoenix Gazette.

Sunday's ball game between the married men and the happy men was won by the happy men by a large majority. If the attendance at these games continues to increase the grand stand will have to be enlarged. Even as it is now, there are hardly enough fence posts for the spectators to sit on and the wheelbarrow was simply crowded.

Mr. Tilson Mann and Ezra Divelbess have accepted positions with the surveying party that is now plotting the Moki Indian reservation. Divelbess will be flagman, while Mann will carry the chain. The head surveyor says it will take more than two years to complete the work.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Woods and family were Winslow visitors Sunday and Monday. This could hardly be called a pleasure trip, as Mrs. Woods went on purpose to see the dentist.

## The Tempe Normal School of Arizona

The second term of the school year of the Tempe Normal School will begin Monday, January 25. While students are admitted for special work at all times, they will find it greatly to their advantage to enter as near the beginning of a term as possible. New classes are then organized in several subjects and the adjustment of a course can be more satisfactorily made.

Teachers who complete a term of teaching during the winter months frequently find it desirable to enter the Normal to prepare themselves for the June examination, or for the purpose of pursuing studies along pedagogical lines for professional improvement.

Catalogues containing full information relating to course of study, class work, etc., will be forwarded upon application.

Address all inquiries relating to entrance, classification, dormitory accommodations, expenses, etc., to A. J. Matthews, Tempe, Arizona.

W. H. Burchell, accused of taking whiskey on the Ft. Apache Indian reservation, was brought into Holbrook Saturday and taken before Judge Zuck for examination. After hearing what the accused man had to say, the Judge bound him over in the sum of \$300, which bond was promptly furnished.

Mr. L. D. Folsom of Reno, Nevada, returned Sunday from his trip over the country between St. Johns and Navajo. This was Mr. Folsom's first trip over this section and he is very enthusiastic in his praise of the country and the courteous treatment he received at the hands of the people.

The pay escort under the command of Lieutenant Bazelle came in from Ft. Apache Saturday and started back for the post Sunday. This is the first trip of the kind made since the Eighth cavalry moved to Ft. Apache.

Mr. Lon Merrill was in town for a few days during the week, being a witness for both Scott and West in the matter of final proofs on homesteads.

Captain A. F. Banta is now in Phoenix, having made the trip overland since last fall. Mr. Banta made the trip by easy stages, prospecting on the way.

Mr. S. E. West of Lakeside was in Holbrook the latter part of the week and made final proof on his homestead before Probate Judge Smith. Mr. West had much to say of the fine condition of things in general in his part of the county.

The home of Dr. and Mrs. Hathaway of Winslow has been darkened by the death of their only child, a little girl of two years. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of friends everywhere in this sad hour of their lives.

Mr. George Scott came in from Show Low during the week and made final proof on his homestead before Judge Zuck. Mr. Scott left Saturday morning for Mesa City.

Mr. Jim Young was up from Penzance Sunday. Jim takes pride in the fact that he can still carry off the prize for scrub lying in this part of Arizona.

Hathorn & Soper have purchased right, title and good will of the Shumway Bros.' livery business and will take possession January 20. Both Hathorn and Soper are well acquainted with the livery business and will aim to give patrons first class service. The ARGUS wishes them every success in their venture.

The question of statehood for Arizona this session of congress is now hanging in the balance, with chances rather against it. The president and congress are having too much fun quarreling with each other to pay any attention to the wishes of the people or their welfare.

Mr. Arthur Lindsay has been working at his old job as telegrapher for the Santa Fe for the past few days. He goes to New Mexico for a short time and expects to return to Holbrook about the first of the month as a regular man.

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